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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 26 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001)
CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

3.15 p.m. — Economic and Social Council Chamber

Oral briefing by the Chairman of the Committee to interested Member States of the United Nations

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m. — 1469th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 9

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of Member States (A/56/231) [8]

10 a.m. 31st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: documentation for the election of the members of the International Law Commission [8 and 16 (a)]

2. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council: letter from Portugal (A/56/467) [15 (b)]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 15th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84:

Documents of the First Committee: *item* 64 (A/56/267 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.42); *item* 65 (A/56/347, A/C.1/56/L.30); *item* 66 (A/56/29 (Supp. 1), A/C.1/56/L.22); *item* 67 (A/C.1/56/L.9); *item* 68 (A/C.1/56/L.41); *item* 69 (A/56/164 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.3); *item* 70 (A/C.1/56/L.13); *item* 71 (A/56/187, A/C.1/56/L.5); *item* 72 (A/C.1/56/L.26); *item* 73 (A/C.1/56/L.7); *item* 74 (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/348, A/56/360, A/56/182, A/56/165 and Add.1, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/408, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.1, L.6, L.8, L.14, L.15, L.16, L.19, L.20, L.21, L.24, L.27, L.28, L.31, L.32, L.33, L.34, L.35, L.38, L.39, L.40, L.44, L.45, L.46, L.47, L.48, L.49 and L.51); *item* 75 (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266, A/56/378-S/2000/890, A/C.1/56/L.2, L.12, L.18, L.29 and L.50); *item* 76 (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42, A/C.1/56/L.4 and L.36); *item* 77 (A/56/425, A/C.1/56/L.25); *item* 78 (A/56/163, A/C.1/56/L.43*); *item* 79 (A/56/153, A/C.1/56/L.37); *item* 80 (A/C.1/56/L.17); *item* 81 (A/C.1/56/L.11); *item* 82 (A/C.1/56/L.10); *item* 84 (A/C.1/56/L.23)

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/4 and A/C.1/56/INF.1 and Add.1]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 12 noon Trusteeship Council Chamber

Panel discussion on Capacity-building and Poverty Eradication – Lessons from Evaluations*

12 noon - 1 p.m. 16th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Operational activities for development [99]

(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/56/174, A/56/70-E/2001/58, A/56/70/Add.1-E/2001/58/Add.1, A/56/70/Add.2-E/2001/58/Add.2, A/56/320 and Add.1)

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (A/56/39, Supplement No. 39, A/56/134 and Add.1, A/56/465)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

* See p. 4.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 22nd meeting | Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115] (A/56/203, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/342-S/2001/852, A/56/453, A/56/488)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. | 18th meeting | Conference Room 3

Pattern of conferences [124] (A/56/32, A/56/120/Rev.1, A/56/133, A/56/188, A/56/213 and Corr.1, A/56/261, A/56/277, A/56/293, A/56/299, A/56/300, A/56/339, A/AC.198/2001/8 and A/56/475)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Information technology (A/55/780 and A/56/7))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Part I (A/56/6 (Sections 1 and 2: Conclusion)); and Part II: Political affairs (A/56/6 (Sections 3-6) and Corr.1, A/56/7 and A/56/16))

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* Following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m. | 10th meeting | Conference Room 2

Observer status for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States in the General Assembly [173]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.3

Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly [176]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.4 and Corr.1

Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [168]

Action on draft decision A/C.6/56/L.5

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [160]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.7

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [165]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.6

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

Afternoon*-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 2

(A/C.6/56/WG.1/CRP.5 and Add.1-5; A/C.6/ 56/WG.1/CRP.9)

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* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | 209th meeting | Conference Room 6

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. UNAMSIL
2. Executive session on the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
3. Draft reports

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held *today*, 26 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Capacity-building and Poverty Eradication - Lessons from Evaluations", organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *today*, 26 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Mr. Roger Maconick, Coordinator, Impact Evaluation of Operational Activities, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will serve as Moderator. Presentations will be made by Ms. Joyce Mapunjo, Assistant Commissioner, Ministry of Finance, United Republic of Tanzania; Dr. Meena Acharya, evaluator and author on gender and poverty issues, Nepal; Dr. Kenneth King, former Minister of Economic Development, Guyana; and Mr. Haven North, former Chairman of the Development Assistance Committee/Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Expert Group on Aid Evaluation.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 26 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 26 October 2001

ISLAMIC GROUP AND AFRICAN GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE
(at the expert level)

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 98 (a) to (e) and (g) (Environment and sustainable development))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on Beijing+5 and INSTRAW)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ARAB GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77
(on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 26 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be meeting of the co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific" (A/C.1/56/L.50), organized by the delegation of Nepal, *today*, 26 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Women, Peace and Security: Improving Women's Protection and Supporting Their Role in Peace-building", organized by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), *today*, 26 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The panel will be chaired by Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Participants will include Ms. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of UNIFEM; as well as representatives of WFP and UNHCR. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For additional information, please call Ms. Heike Alefsen (tel.: (212) 906-5585).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 29 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Monday and Tuesday, 29 and 30 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations of draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday, 31 October, Thursday, 1 November, and Friday, 2 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion "Regional Perspectives on the World Summit on Sustainable Development", organized by the secretariat of the World Summit, on Monday, 29 October 2001, from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Mr. Nitin Desai, Secretary-General of the World Summit for Sustainable Development, will serve as a moderator. Presentations will be made by the following Chairmen or representatives of the World Summit regional round tables: Prof. Adebayo Adedeji (Africa); Dr. Asylbek Aidaraliev (Central and South Asia); Sir Alister McIntyre (Latin America and the Carribean); Dr. Lawrence Papay (Europe/North America); Prof. Nordin Hasan (East Asia and the Pacific).

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations on agenda item 113

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and of the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly", chaired by Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, will be held on Monday, 29 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Thursday, 1 November 2001, at 10 a.m. (sharp) in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) has now been rescheduled to take place from 11 to 13 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Delegations who have not yet inscribed in the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference - document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1) are kindly asked to communicate their request in writing to the Secretariat of the Conference (room S-3140). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

Furthermore, in accordance with item 11 of the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Conference.

For enquiries regarding the provisional list of speakers, please contact Ms. Myrna Peña (tel.: (212) 963-4022; fax: (212) 963-8892).

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each. The Secretariat also wishes to advise that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the CTBT that the Conference be attended at a high level.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifiers and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/2). Credentials may be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

A list of participants will be prepared for the Conference on the basis of credentials and/or written lists of delegations that are provided to the Secretariat of the Conference. This information should be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a briefing to the Group of 77 by the delegation of Germany on the International Conference on Freshwater on Monday, 29 October 2001, from 2.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be closed meetings of the Mason Group on Thursday, 1 November, and on Thursday, 8 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Making Sustainable Commitments: An Environmental Strategy for the World Bank", organized by the World Bank, on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Dr. Kristalina Georgieva, World Bank Director for Environment, will make a presentation. For further information, please contact the World Bank (tel.: (212) 986-8306).

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Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly organizing a seminar on the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 30 and 31 October 2001, at United Nations Headquarters. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Marina Walter (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-0073).

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Lecture

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Wealth Creation" on Friday, 2 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization in charge of Cooperation for Development. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) (Columbia University) are jointly conducting a Columbia/UNITAR workshop on civil-military coordination in peace-building. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 8 and 9 November 2001 from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 1 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 25 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4394th (resumed) meeting

General issues relating to sanctions

Upon the resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica, the United Kingdom, Norway, Mauritius, Colombia, the United States, Mali, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Tunisia and China.

The President made a statement.

4397th (closed) meeting

Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), Annex II, A

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 25 October 2001, the Security Council, pursuant to Annex II, A of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 4397th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET).

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

"The members of the Council had a constructive exchange of views with representatives of participating troop-contributing countries."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 12th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [86]

Action on draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.6

Following a statement by the Chairman, the Committee decided to waive rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and to take action on the draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.6 circulated at the meeting.

The representative of Chile (on behalf of the Working Group of the Whole on International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space) introduced the draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/56/L.6.

Following statements by the representatives of Chile, the Russian Federation and Burkina Faso on the Spanish, Russian and French texts of the draft resolution, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.6 without a vote.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 86.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that on Monday, 29 October 2001, the Committee would begin its consideration of agenda item 87 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Pales-

tine Refugees in the Near East). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the dates for the consideration of agenda item 87 had been changed. The item would be taken up on 29 October and on 1 and 2 November, in the morning.

SECOND COMMITTEE 14th meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement regarding the postponement of agenda item 106 (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries) to a later date, at the request of a number of delegations.

The Director, Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made a statement.

Operational activities for development [99]

(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Introductory statements were made by the Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Director of the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation Among Developing Countries, UNDP, and the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Women.

The Chairman then read out the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/1 regarding the triennial comprehensive policy review for submission to the General Assembly.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), Ghana, Australia, the Russian Federation, India, Belarus, Japan, Cuba, Pakistan, China and Venezuela.

15th meeting

Operational activities for development [99]

(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, the Philippines, Indonesia, Algeria, Canada, Poland, Angola, Nigeria, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Group of Land-locked Developing Countries), Burkina Faso, Ukraine, Mongolia, Mexico, Brazil and the United States.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Development Programme.

The observer for Switzerland also made a statement.

Orgnization ofwork

The Committee agreed to extend the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda 99, sub-items (a) and (b), until Thursday, 1 November 2001, at 6 p.m.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 17th meeting

Pattern of conferences [124]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

Organization of work

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement and, on his proposal, the Committee agreed to postpone the informal consultations on agenda items 121 and 128 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Joint Inspection Unit: Common services at Geneva (Part II) (A/55/856 and Add.1, A/56/7 and A/56/417/Rev.1), scheduled for the same day, in the afternoon, and to replace them with consultations on agenda item 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Development account (A/55/913 and A/56/7).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and India.

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Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the 14th meeting of the First Committee (see *Journal* No. 2001/206, p. 11): the fifth paragraph should read as follows:

The representative of Iraq introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.8.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
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1972nd and 1973rd (closed) meetings

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on Ukraine (CCPR/CO/73/UKR).

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [7]

The Committee considered the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, (institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee) London, 7 November 1991

Acceptance: Eritrea (23 October 2001)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Eritrea (23 October 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Uruguay (25 October 2001)

TREATY EVENT - MULTILATERAL TREATIES ON TERRORISM (UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS) (10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs promptly to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (http://untreaty.un.org.), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Security Briefing

A briefing for delegations regarding security arrangements for the general debate will take place *today*, 26 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The subject of responding to hazardous materials will also be discussed at the briefing. The Security and Safety Service would be grateful for confirmation of your intention to attend. Messages can be left by voice mail on telephone number (212) 963-9346 or sent by e-mail to Jacob Chacko/NY/UNO.

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Blood Donation Drive

In the context of recent events, the Medical Services Division has organized a Blood Donation Drive. This drive will be carried out by the New York Blood Center on Monday, 29 October 2001, on the south side of the Secretariat Lobby between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The UN grounds pass would be required at the donation site.

Please note that the criteria for blood donation used by the New York Blood Center are those of the Food and Drug Administration of the United States. If you have any questions about this campaign, please call 1-800-933-BLOOD.

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